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HOME COMING

As taken from Hal Borland

More than half the pleasure of going is in the return, as any traveler knows. To go, to see the far place, the place beyond the horizon, is exciting; but to return is satisfying as few other things can ever be. To know after absence the familiar street and road and village and house is to know again the satisfaction of home.

Few of us are that kind of traveler who can be at home forever away from home. The new, the strange and the different have their lure, but one needs a place to call his own. One needs to belong somewhere, to feel the roots, however tenuous, of identity with place. Home, we call it, whether it be a room or a house or an apartment, a farm or a plot of grass or a well-known street or park. Home, where one can feel and touch and see and find comfort in familiar things. The place where one belongs.

Man, being man and an ambulatory creature with a degree of restlessness in his blood, must be up and gone from time to time. He must go, if only to assure himself that the horizon has no boundary. He must move from here to yonder, if only to know that he is neither slave nor prisoner. What are hills for, if not to have a farther side? And what is the purpose of that distant rim of sky if not to lure a man beyond his own small orbit? But once one has gone, one must come back.

And that is the final satisfaction of a trip, whether it is a vacation or just a journey - the return itself. The homecoming. The trip back, and the home at the end. To go is good, but to come back is best.

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ED. NOTE: We are happy that you had the chance, Father King, to further your studies in Rome and to further your knowledge of life through your travels, but we are indeed grateful for your return to the parish which is your home. We need the effectiveness of your life lived humbly, under the eyes of God, illumined by his grace, and radiant with love for others in order to glean the effectiveness that we wish to share with others in our parish family. We thank God for your safe return.

FR. HARVEY'S BIRTHDAY APPRECIATION PARTY A SUCCESS — — HE WAS SUPRISED!

'Twas a grand night, and a grand time was had by all -- with the possible exception of Father David who was a bit too NUMB to comprehend it all!

Due to the flurry and excitement of the evening (and especially Deacon Ken's PREVARICATIONS), I was remiss in some well deserved "Thank You's,"-----

THANK YOU to our re-instated (or is it re-incarnated?) Pastor, Father King -- It was no easy task to assume "M.C." duties so soon after his arrival home, however, I was never worried that he would come through in his own witty, inimitable style -- and, as usual, I was not disappointed. In fact, he went "beyond expectations" like, for instance -- providing the orchestra. It was great, Father.

THANK YOU to my Co-Chairman, Nancy Wagner -- Although she was not involved in the initial planning, I certainly knew where to turn during the last weeks when things began to get hectic -- with VERY LITTLE pleading (like getting down on my knees) she agreed to help me and, believe me, I couldn't have done it without her -- and that, dear people, is a TRUE friend!

THANKS to Vera Clyne and "Dixie" Weishaar for the lovely table flowers. Vera provided the snapdragons and the white spray and "Dixie" provided the daisies. They couldn't have been more perfect and were we happy to have them!

THANKS to Ed and Virginia Daniels for greeting people at the door. St. John's will miss them terribly but we wish them much happiness in their new home.

THANK YOU to Father Joseph Voor for his special effort to come all the way from Kentucky and enthusiastically consenting to be our "mystery guest."

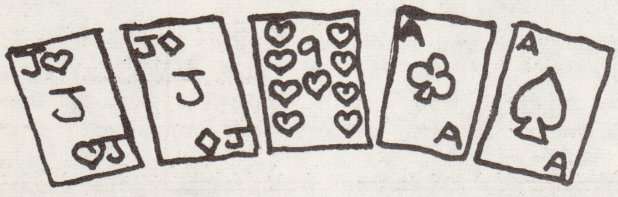
THANKS to my daughter, Kathleen, and her friend Stephen ("Tuna") Thompson for handling the tickets and programs -- a job well done in spite of her zipper breaking which necessitated a quick trip home to change.

THANKS to all the program participants for their splendid cooperation and their ability to cope with the topics we arbitrarily gave them at the last minute.

A BIG THANK YOU to Father Harvey for giving us the reason for the party. If he had not done such an outstanding job as acting Pastor, and if he had not "consented" to being 30 -- there would have been no need for celebration. The praise and tributes he received were certainly well-deserved, HOWEVER, -- there were one or two of his special "talents" neglected that really deserve mention:

1. Did you know that he is a terrific paper hanger? -- Wallpaper, that is. If you visit the rectory, you can see first hand evidence -- also, come and see my living room -- Although my son, Timothy, insists that the paper was put on upside down, Father's rates are low, and there is the added benefit (?) of hearing him sing while he works!
2. Have you ever had the privilege (?) of

playing or observing him playing EUCHRE? This activity almost defies description. You all know how he is the MODEL of PATIENCE, NEVER gets angry and is in complete control of his emotions at all times!?!!?. . . .The ONE exception to this behavior is when he's involved in a card game. Next time you see him ask him about this hand:



He decided very vocally that he would PLAY IT ALONE! (Of course, he didn't realize the cards were "Stacked"!) --- meaning that he would be EUCHERED on the hand. This unexpected result was a little hard on the eardrums and the furniture, but all was justified when he and Ed Daniels won the play-off and dethroned Kathleen and "Tuna" the reigning Champions! --- AND NO WONDER, when he prays, chants, and entreats the Lord to come to his aid, and orders Brigid to "get down on your knees and pray!!!" -- I have a feeling that both the Lord AND Brigid are on his side.

FINALLY, AND ESPECIALLY. . .

THANKS TO ALL YOU WONDERFUL PEOPLE who came to share and enjoy this evening with Father!. . .We can be reasonably sure that he will NEVER FORGET HIS 30TH BIRTHDAY AT ST. JOHN'S!

Bless you all,
Nan O'Hara

PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, July 23
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses - Babysitting Services, Rm. 5, Religion Center
MONDAY, July 24
7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts, Church Hall
TUESDAY, July 25
7:00 p.m. - Teen Center Activities
7:30 p.m. - Liturgy Preparation, Rm. 9, Religion Center
7:30 p.m. - Convert Meeting at the Rectory
WEDNESDAY, July 26
7:00 p.m - Teen Center Activities
THURSDAY, July 27
7:00 p.m. - Teen Center Activities

SINGLE CHRISTIAN ADULTS

SCA is combining its regular monthly meeting with an afternoon picnic and games at Burh Park in Ann Arbor on July 30. Meet at the St. Francis parking lot in Ann Arbor at 2:00 P.M. Girls are to bring a dish to pass; guys will bring beverages (only soft drinks allowed). Swimming available for $.50. For more information call 971-9076 or 482-1942.

Pat Hoeft,
Publicity Chairman

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THINGS PEOPLE WONDER ABOUT

Many people have been asking where last Sunday's meditation after communion was taken from. . .in fact, where many of the meditations have been taken from. We have frequently used Michel Quoist's book, PRAYERS, a Sheed & Ward publication. Last Sunday's thought will be found in the section entitled, ALL on Pages 106-107.

Quoist himself gives us the reason for the meditations in his book. "If we knew how to listen to God, we would hear Him speaking to us. For God does speak. He speaks in His Gospels. He also speaks through life -- that new gospel to which we ourselves add a page each day. But we are rarely open to God's message, because our faith is too weak and our life too earthbound. To help us listen, at the beginning of our new intimacy with Christ, let us imagine what He would say if He Himself interpreted His Gospels for the men of our day."

The pages can hardly be used as "set prayers" in the usual sense. They are meditations on life, designed to help Christians discover the riches of a contact with God arising from the daily events of their existence. They stem from the lives of committed Christians offered day by day to God.

SIN

(This Sunday's meditation on mistrust of self and greater confidence in God.)

I have fallen, Lord,
Once more.
I am ashamed, I don't dare look at you.
And yet I struggled, Lord, for I knew you were right near me, bending over me, watching.
But temptation blew like a hurricane,
And instead of looking at you I turned my head away.
I stepped aside
While you stood, silent and sorrowful.
This sin that I selected the way a customer makes his purchase,
This sin that I have paid for and cannot return, for the storekeeper is no longer there,
This sin sickens me,
That I have wanted but want no more,
That I have imagined,
sought,
played with,
fondled
for a long time;
I have finally embraced while turning coldly away from you,
It is mine,
It sticks to me,
It flows in my veins,
It fills my heart.
It has slipped in everywhere, as darkness slips into the forest at dusk and fills all the patches of light.
And your voice
And your look
And your love hurt me.
They weigh me down
They weigh me down more than my sin.
Lord, don't look at me like that,
For I am naked,
I am dirty,
I am down,
Shattered,
With no strength left.
I dare make no more promises,
I can only lie bowed before you.

ROAD RALLY

SAT., JULY 29, 1972

TIME: First car leaves at 10 A.M., last car leaves at 12 Noon.

PLACE: Entrance to Ypsilanti Armory 1025 South Huron

DONATION: $1.50 per car *PRIZES!*

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FINANCIAL BAROMETER

SUNDAY, July 16, 1972

Sunday Offertory Collection $2,475.50

ALTAR BOYS

Week of July 23

WEEKDAY MASSES:
7:00 AM or 12:00 Noon

WEDNESDAY EVENING MASSES:
7:00 PM

SATURDAY MORNING MASSES:
9:00 AM

TEAM NO. 1
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
Greg White and Pat Heck

TEAM No. 2
Mike and Pat Wideman

SATURDAY, July 29
5:00 PM - Tom Greiner and Paul Buchard

SUNDAY, July 30
7:00 AM - Rick Steeby and Greg Gillman
9:00 AM - Jerry Sullivan and John Madigan
11:00 AM - Ronald Bureau and Joe Slater
7:00 PM - Kerry Kimlin and Chuck Gannon

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, July 24, 1972 - Weekday
7:00 AM - Tom Brown req. by Shirley and Walter Kastener

TUESDAY, July 25, 1972 - St. James the Apostle
7:30 AM - Distribution of Holy Communion
12:00 Noon - Benjamin Grasso req. by Theresa Caudill

WEDNESDAY, July 26, 1972 - Ss. Joachim & Anne
7:00 AM - Caroline Finn req. by Mr. and Mrs. F. Goring and Family

THURSDAY, July 27, 1972 - Weekday
7:30 AM - Distribution of Holy Communion
12:00 Noon - Bill Wickering req. by The Walter Patchak Family

FRIDAY, July 28, 1972 - Weekday
7:00 AM - Alfred E. Walters req. by The Alfred E. Walters Council

SATURDAY, July 29, 1972 - St. Martha
9:00 AM - George J. Max req. by Mrs. George J. Max
5:00 PM - Gay Starwas req. by Dick Dunn

SUNDAY, July 30, 1972 - 17th Sunday of the Year
7:00AM - Agnes Brown req. by Fred Brown
9:00 AM - Msgr. John F. Bradley req. by Ann Stachlewitz
11:00 AM - R. A. Piotter req. by Roger Stanley and Peggy Brown
7:00 PM - Dr. Donald Kasper req. by Pam

COMMENTATOR SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, July 29
5:00 PM ..... T. Birdsall

SUNDAY, July 30
7:00 AM ..... D. Wheeler
9:00 AM ..... J. White
11:00 AM ..... J. Baxter

LECTOR SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, July 29
5:00 PM ..... J. Baker

SUNDAY, July 30
7:00 AM ..... M. Wheeler
9:00 AM ..... C. Chite
11:00 AM ..... J. Palasek

REMINDER

Don't forget that the Washtenaw County Chapter of the American Red Cross will have a daily Bloodmobile Collection from July 3 through September 1. We should be able to depend on the people of St. John's helping to fill the quota of 50 to 60 donors per day as set for Washtenaw County.

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SUNDAY LITURGY
SATURDAY EVENING — 5:00 p.m.
SUNDAY: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

HOLYDAY LITURGY
5:30 and 9:00 a.m.; 4:00, 6:00 and 8:00 p.m.

DAILY LITURGY
7:00 a.m. Monday through Friday; 9:00 a.m. Saturday

BAPTISMS
At 11:00 a.m. Mass on second Sunday of each month.

CONFESSIONS
Saturday 3:30 - 4:30 and 8:00 p.m. or by appointment.

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